

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

CHILCOTT *ag*

THOMPSON *as*

LYONS

PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

Date.....April 23, 2007

Members Present.....Commissioner Greg Chilcott,
Commissioner Alan Thompson, and Commissioner Howard Lyons

Minutes: Beth Farwell

The Board met with members of the Bitterroot Humane Association (BHA) for a discussion and possible adoption of the Impound Agreement/Operations Plan/Stray and Impound Policy & Procedure. Civil Counsel Alex Beal was also present.

Commissioner Chilcott called the meeting to order. Alex reviewed the document for language and content. He then discussed his revisions with the Commissioners and the BHA. BHA stated they have discussed this with their attorney and it would include invoicing instructions and payment terms (formal schedule). Commissioner Thompson commented upon adopting a 30-day policy regarding payments to the Treasurer. It was agreed the BHA will review Alex's comments with their attorney and bring forth changes to be considered by the Commissioners for possible adoption at a later date.

The Board met with Information Technology Director Joe Frolich and Mike Miller of the University of Montana who handles most of the county's web site. The discussion was in regard to having information posted on the web on election nights. Joe explained many people would like to have the election updates posted on the website. Clerk and Recorder Regina Plettenberg was now present for this meeting. She added they want to include a standard disclaimer for the first set of results. Mike stated they have done this before. The University would design the webpage and graphics, and then it would be up to the Election Office to input the results. Regina stated it would help tremendously to have the results on the web. Her staff is constantly on the phone giving out results and this would give the public easier and faster access to the results. Commissioner Lyons commented it may bring up the interest of the voters by keeping them updated. Discussion followed. Commissioner Chilcott stated that it was a good decision and Mike will create a sample page for review.

In other business the Board met for comments on the proposed work DOT will be doing on Secondary Route 203. Commissioner Chilcott clarified the area where the work would take place. Commissioner Lyons stated the biggest concern would be getting the buy/sell

from the property owners to widen the area on the 90 degree angle corners. Commissioner Thompson expressed concern regarding the fact that it may change the current plan. Commissioner Chilcott stated it does not change the original plan. Commissioner Chilcott stated they should send comment to MDOT showing their approval of this additional project scope (i.e. widening the shoulders). Commissioner Thompson added the letter should include the Commissioner's appreciation for their work on this project.

The Board also met to make a decision regarding an alternate board member for the Airport Board. The Commissioners reviewed the applications and had discussion. Commissioner Thompson stated he wants diversity on the board but did not want it confined to affected users. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to appoint Judith Stewart to fill the remaining term as an alternate Airport Advisory Board member. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion, all voted "aye".

In other business, the Board met with Treasurer Joanne Johnson and Civil Counsel Alex Beal in regard to a request by Bill Clark for monies from the Victor Park District. Victor Park District Board Member Anita Drewien was also present. JoAnne stated she received a request from Bill Clark. This request asked for Victor Park District monies to come to the Victor Athletic Association. Joanne expressed concern of the legality of such a request. Commissioner Thompson stated he has met with both Bill and Anita. It was always agreed from the time the Park District was formed, the Victor Park District would utilize monies for 'traffic calming' when the highway was widened. Commissioner Thompson discussed the history to this ball field/sports complex. He stated the property that was leased to the Athletic Association was 7.7 acres and it was originally set up for ball parks. Bill Clark is requesting \$12,950 from the Victor Park District for field maintenance. Commissioner Thompson stated this is not a Commissioner decision. JoAnne must work with Victor Park District and distribute the fees as it is allocated. Alex added the Victor Park District is an elected board and the fees must be dispersed to the Park District, not the Athletic Association. Anita stated they obtain \$14,000 to \$16,000 per year from the residents of the Victor Park District and Bill is asking for \$12,950 of those collected monies. She stated they need to clarify Bill's request as to what is development money versus maintenance money. She added they had problems with their past management. Anita stated that Victor Park District Board is having a work session tomorrow and this request will be discussed. Commissioner Chilcott asked what would happen to the athletic complex if the Victor Athletic Association was disbanded. Anita replied Victor Park District would probably continue with the maintenance.

Commissioner Chilcott stated he hopes that both entities can work together. Anita stated that Victor Park District has been entrusted with this cash and Bill Clark's request will be considered, particularly in view of upcoming highway changes. Anita stated they are concerned about Bill going to the county asking for their money and the amount of money is of concern also. Commissioner Thompson added that Bill could come to the Park Board and request additional funds.

Alex will prepare a response to Bill regarding the legality of his request to JoAnne. The Board concurred.

In other business, the Board met with Weed Supervisor Bryce Christianes in reference to blueweed at Old Darby Gravel Pit. Bryce stated that the entire Old Darby Gravel Pit is infested with blueweed, and it is the recommendation of the Bitterroot National Forest and Weed District that the gravel pit be quarantined until the seed viability is diminished. He anticipates this closure to be approximately 8 years. Commissioner Lyons asked if there is a way to kill blueweed other than pulling and burning. Bryce replied it can be killed with herbicide but it is costly. Commissioner Thompson asked from where the weed originated. Bryce stated he doesn't know how it infested the gravel pit. The real concern is the seeds that are still in the gravel mix. Commissioner Thompson stated the county just spent a considerable amount of money crushing that particular gravel to use. Discussion and suggestions followed. Commissioner Chilcott mentioned there may be an alternative pit the Road Department could utilize until the 8-year time frame is up. Bryce replied the gravel could still be utilized as hot-mix. Commissioner Thompson agreed to put a hold on this pit until they have the opportunity to visit with the Road Supervisor. The Board concurred.